(c) The following measures are being taken by Government to prevent child labour from being exploited:—

(i) the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been passed by Parliament and among other things provides for severe penalties for violations of its provisions as also for violation of the provisions relating to employment of children under the Factories Act, 1948 the Mines Act, 1952, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961;

(ii) voluntary organisations are being provided assistance to take up projects aimed at benefitting child labour;

(iii) the State Govts. |Union Territories have been addressed to fix the same rates of minimum wages for children and adults so as to make child labour more expensive with a view to gradually eliminating them from labour market;

(iv) a pilot project to benefit the children working in the match industry in and around Sivakasi formulated by Govt. has started functioning since April, 1986, a similar project for Carpet Weaving children in the Mirzapur-Bhadohi area of U.P. is under formulation; and

(v) a National Policy on child labour is under formulation for providing facilities to working children to enable them to grow into healthy and productive adults.

ifting of ban import of meat from India by Saudi Arabia

2248. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabian Government have agreed to lift ban on the import of bovine meat and sea-food from India;

(b) if so, by when the export of these commodities to Saudi Arabia is likely to start;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian sea food and mutton is in great demand in the Gulf countries; and

(d) if so, what was the quantum of mution is in demand in some Gulf ed by Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian sea food and mutton is in demand in some Gulf countries.

(d) A Statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 105].

लाल इमली बूलन मिल्स, कानपुर द्वारा उत्पादित गर्म कपड़ा

2249. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लाल इमली बूलन मिल्स, कानपुर में 56 हथकरघे, 135 बिजली चालित करघे व 105 स्वचालित करघे अर्थात् 296 करघे हैं ; यदि हां, तो 1984–85 और 1985–86 के वर्षों के दौरान मिल में प्रत्येक प्रकार के करघों पर अलग-अलग से उत्पादित कपड़े का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कानपुर टैक्सटाइल और श्री राजेश शर्मा